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To *We the People... the Citizen and the Constitution* Teachers:

This year's *We the People... the Citizen and the Constitution* statewide competition has been scheduled for **February 16, 2004** at the **Holiday Inn** in **Frankfort**. The annual competition, sponsored by the Kentucky Supreme Court and the Administrative Office of the Courts, is part of the *We the People...* national scholastic program created by the Center for Civic Education. A banquet will follow the high school competition at the Holiday Inn in Frankfort where awards will be presented to the State Champion and State Runner-up, with student award recipient for Best Overall, Best Researcher, and Best Speaker from each class.

Through the *We the People...* program, students learn about the history and the principles of the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights. They test their knowledge by competing in an annual mock congressional hearing competition. School teams participate in a congressional district level competition usually in December. The winning class advances to the state finals in Frankfort. After the state competition, the prevailing team will travel to the national finals in Washington, D.C.

I have enclosed a copy of the congressional hearing competition questions, guidelines, and rules for your review. **Please note: The judges travel from room to room. The classes do not get to view the presentations of their opponents.**

We are excited about the *We the People...* curriculum and state competition. We hope that you will consider competing in your congressional district. Your district coordinator and state coordinators are available to provide you with support services to make your in-house, district, or state competition a success. If you are interested in competing in your congressional district hearing in December, please call me

Sincerely,

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